MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC MCHUNU WARNS COMMUNITY NOT TAKE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has urged the community of Clermont not to take law into their own hands. This is subsequent to the plea made by a Sangoma woman after she received threats from community members, claiming that she practices witchcraft and she is responsible for all the deaths that have been happening around the area. She alleges that the community members are threatening to burn down her house or even beat her to death.

Mchunu also expressed concerned over the high number of incidents where communities take the law into their own hands and kill suspects. He said this has to come to an end

"I would like to plead with the community members not to take the law into their own hands. The community must do the right thing and wait for the police to finish with their investigation before taking any action. If the community tries to do something unlawful after they have been warned, they must take to note that they will be dealt with like criminals and they will be brought to book" warned Mchunu

**ENDS** 

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